Sl.No.	Name of Circle	No. of village without letter boxes
14.	Orissa	32127 *
15.	Punjab	1676
	Chandigarh	—
16.	Rajasthan	17310
17.	Tamil Nadu	1793
	Pondicherry	62
18.	Uttar Pradesh	51155 *
19.	West Bengal	5011 *
	Sikkim	239 *
	Andaman & Nicobar	27 *
	TOTAL:	254910

* As on 31.3.94

Constructing Buildings for Post and Telegraph Offices

1668. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices as on date working in rented buildings in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh giving the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to contract its own buildings to house the Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Offices in a unified complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The No. of departmental Post Offices functioning in rented buildings in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh Postal Circles is 327 and 2596 respectively. Details are given in the annexed statement. (*See* below)

(b) At present, there is no scheme to construct unified complexes for Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Offices.

Statement

Details regarding Post Offices functioning in Rented Buildings in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

Postal Circle	Total No. of Departmental Post Offices	Departmental Post Offices Functioning in Departmental Buildings	Departmental Post Offices in Rented Buildings
Delhi	4182	91	327
Uttar Pradesh	2910	314	2596

Payment to Foreign Technicians working in Celullar Services

1669. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether payment for services of foreign technician deputed by foreign partners of Cellular Licences is considered as royalty;

(b) if so, treatment proposed in respect of payments already effected by existing Licences in view of Government's decision not to allow royalty payments to such Licencees; and

(c) if not, the details of foreign technicians engaged by such Licencees including total mandays, per diem rates and forex outgo for the duration of the licence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) RBI has granted general permission for payments to foreign technicians under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) vide their Circular dated 13th September, 1991 as amended from time to time. No record is, therefore, maintained in the Deptt. of Telecom. in this respect.

Investment by Foreign Cellular Licences

1670. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign partners in existing Cellular Licences are permitted to route their approved investments through wholly owned subsidiaries incorporated abroad;

(b) if so, the details of all such investments approved so far including equity structure of the investment company/subsidiary and the incorporation particulars thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the originally approved foreign partners' stake is not clandestinely sold off/transferred through such transactions in violation of the licence terms and conditions?